

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 4, 6-9, 12, 13, 17-20, 22-27, and 42-45 are now pending in the present application, for a total of 22 claims, 1 of which is independent. Please note that the original claim set as filed had a total of 27 claims (3 independent) and the excess claims were paid for at the time of filing, therefore no excess claims fees are due now.

Changes in response to the present Office Action are described in remarks hereinbelow.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC 121:

- I. Claims not canceled in the series 1 through 27, drawn to apparatus, classified in class 248, subclass 306.
- II. Claims not canceled in the series 28 through 38, drawn to method for removing rack, classified in class 29, subclass 717.
- III. Claim 39, drawn to method for removing shelf, classified in class 29, subclass 721.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant will elect claim set I, i.e., claims depending from the independent claim number 1. The remaining claims from 28-39 are canceled without prejudice.

Amended Claims

Claims 9 and 25 are amended merely for the purpose of correcting informalities by removing reference numbers in parentheses. Deletion type amendments like this had been shown in the preliminary amendment, but apparently some of the reference numbers were missed. Thus the current amendments to claims 9 and 25 do not change the substance of the claims.

New Claims

Claims 42, 43, 44, and 45 are newly presented claims, all depending from independent claim 1. These claims are supported by the original claims 30, 31, 33, and 34, respectively, and do not introduce any new material. Furthermore, it can be seen that these new dependent claims

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are related to the original dependent claims 4, 6, and 8, therefor they should not add to the burden of searching.

Conclusion

The undersigned Agent of Record has made a sincere effort to amend the claims of this application in response to the present Office Action so that they define novel structure which is non-obvious. Favorable re-examination and consideration are respectfully requested. If there are still some issues to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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